

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for connecting subscribers using at least one communication network, comprising:

capturing data that characterizes a characteristic of a first subscriber and a second subscriber by a server;
initiating a first signaling connection between the first subscriber and the server;
receiving an offer from the first subscriber by the server;
initiating a second signaling connection between the second subscriber and the server by using the received offer; and
linking the first and second signaling connections together to form a third continuous signaling connection between the subscribers.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the server is configured as a WEB application which is accessed via an Internet and/or an Internet protocol.

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the IP address of the first or second subscriber is captured as characterizing data after the respective subscriber accesses the WEB application.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17, further comprising: querying subscriber which accessed the WEB application by using the captured IP address, the query to determine which software is used for transferring information into the communication network by queried subscriber.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein captured data includes information to determine the identity of at least one of the subscribers.
20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 19, further comprising: receiving a registration to determine the identity of the subscriber.
21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, further comprising: supporting the exchange of information used to establish a bearer between the subscribers.
22. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the existence of the bearer is checked by the server by using a timer mechanism.
23. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein a charging data record is logged, from which a duration of the existence of the bearer can be derived.
24. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the server is assigned to a PSTN operator.
25. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the charging for those subscribers who are assigned to the PSTN of the operator takes place via the telephone bill of the PSTN operator.
26. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein captured data includes information to determine the identity of at least one of the subscribers.
27. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the offer is in accordance with a Session Description Protocol.
28. (currently amended) A server for connecting subscribers using at least one communication network, comprising:

a first data characterizing characteristic of a first subscriber;
a second data characterizing a second subscriber;
a first signaling connection between the first subscriber and the server; and
a second signaling connection between the second subscriber, wherein the offer received by the server from the first subscriber during an initiation of the first signaling connection is used in an initiation of the second signaling connection, and wherein the first and second signaling connections are linked together to form a thirdcontinuous signaling connection between the two subscribers.

29. (previously presented) The server according to claim 28, wherein captured data includes information to determine the identity of at least one of the subscribers.

30. (previously presented) The server according to claim 28, further comprising: receiving a registration to determine the identity of the subscriber.

31. (previously presented) The server according to claim 28, wherein a charging data record is logged, from which a duration of the existence of the bearer can be derived.

32. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the offer is in accordance with a Session Description Protocol.

33. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for a WEB application for connection of subscribers in hybrid communication networks, comprising:

capturing an IP address of a calling subscriber having accessed the WEB application;
capturing data provided by the calling subscriber characterizing characteristic of a called subscriber;
initiating a first signaling connection between the called subscriber and the WEB application;
receiving an offer from the called subscriber by the server;

initiating a second signaling connection between the calling subscriber and the WEB application by using the offer from the called subscriber;

linking the first and second signaling connections together to form a ~~third~~continuous signaling connection between the subscribers; and

supporting the exchange of information used to establish a bearer between the subscribers, wherein a charging data record is logged, from which a duration of the existence of the bearer can be derived, and wherein the offer is in accordance with a Session Description Protocol.

34. (previously presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 33, further comprising: querying subscriber which accessed the WEB application by using the captured IP, the query to determined which software is used for transferring information into the communication network by queried subscriber.